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SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY ON LOS

REF: A. STATE 190812; B. KUALA LUMPUR 4381

1. SENIOR MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL IN LOS MATTERS IS MINISTER OF LAW AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, Y.B. TAN SRI ABDUL KADIR BIN YUSOF, WHO HAD LED MALAYSIAN DELEGATION TO PREVIOUS LOS SESSIONS AND WHO IS CURRENTLY IN NEW YORK (REF B). FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU DATUK AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN DOES NOT PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN LOS POLICY (THE MFA HAS ONLY RECENTLY CREATED SEPARATE LOS DIVISION). KADIR'S LEADERSHIP ARISES PARTLY BECAUSE HE WAS CHARGED BY LATE PRIME MINISTER RAZAK WITH AUTHORITY OVER WHAT GOM SEES ESSENTIAL AS LEGAL PROBLEM WHEN LATTER WAS HIS OWN FOREIGN MINISTER. RITHAUDDEEN WILL ALSO BE OUT OF MALAYSIA FOR MUCH OF AUGUST ACCOMPANYING PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN TO BURMA AND TO COLOMBO FOR NAN CONFERENCE.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, I RCECOMMEND SECRETARY'S LETTER ON LOS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO KADIR AND DELIVERED IN NEW YORK WHILE I DELIVER COPY TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL AND MAKE ORAL POINTS HERE. KADIR PRIDES HIMSELF ON HIS LONG SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT AND KEY POSITION AS ATTORNEY GENERAL.
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HE WOULD BE BOTH FLATTERED AND IMPRESSED SHOULD THE

SECRETARY FIND IT NECESSARY TO CALL ON HIM FOR ASSISTANCE
OR ADVICE AND, IN MY VIEW, WOULD DO HIS BEST TO BE PERSONALLY
RESPONSIVE.
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